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Attn: Mr. Kevin Lewis, Executive Director

Mr. Lewis,

While Midas Gold understands that Idaho Rivers United (IRU) is opposed to the mining industry, please know that our offer to sit down with you and your staff still stands. We would be pleased to meet so you can learn more about the Stibnite Gold Project, the legacy issues related to the site, and the positive impact redevelopment will have on cleaning up a century of environmental legacies that are negatively impacting water quality and anadromous fish migration on the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. We are willing to meet with you now and on an ongoing basis throughout the life of our project.

We believe that we have shared goals, including improved environmental conditions for the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, that could be achieved through civil dialogue. Together, we can finally see salmon swim past an abandoned mining pit that currently blocks their passage. Together, we can use the resources of private industry to clean up millions of tons of historical tailings that sit unlined in the headwaters of the Salmon River. Together, we can start a future where the minerals we all need in our daily lives are produced responsibly here at home, rather than dependence upon foreign countries. We are working to make all these objectives become reality.

Midas Gold has repeatedly offered to meet with Idaho Rivers United, to discuss our differences and our common goals. It is unfortunate that this genuine offer of open dialogue has not been accepted by IRU. Further, some recent incidents suggest that the rhetoric being used by members of Idaho Rivers United is inflaming passions and preventing civil discourse that should be possible even with our differences.

It has come to our attention that Idaho Rivers United recently petitioned Boise Greenbikes and the City of Boise to unilaterally terminate Midas Gold's contractual sponsorship of a bike hub in a letter that contains many misrepresentations as to the actual nature of the Stibnite Gold Project. This submission to Boise Greenbikes comes one week after the location we sponsor was vandalized with anti-Midas Gold graffiti.



In light of all that has happened, I want to make sure you understand why we sponsor a Greenbike hub. Midas Gold believes in promoting sustainable actions that each one of us can make to help our planet, like riding a bike instead of driving. Additionally, many residents who love to cycle around Boise recognize that the minerals from which the very bikes they ride help make it happen. The reality is that we all depend on minerals and, if we care about our planet, we should advocate for responsible sourcing of minerals.

We also have noted that, over the last year, numerous Idaho Rivers United stickers have been placed on our private property located on Johnson Creek and South Fork roads in Valley County. These stickers are placed on spill kits we've placed along the routes as a part of protocols we've initiated regarding our commitment to environmental protection of the waterways and rivers by which not just Midas Gold, but many other transporters of fuel, strongly endorse. Midas Gold employees have also had the same stickers placed on personal and company vehicles while parked outside of public and IRU events discussing our project.

While the property damage is troubling, we are more concerned about the loss of civility your organization is encouraging and participating in. During recent public testimony, your staff and membership have denigrated our people with outrageous claims, accused us of being murderers, and now we find our property and our partners' property vandalized. These actions and statements do not reflect well on IRU and misrepresent Midas Gold's core beliefs and approaches to remediating a historically heavily impacted site. From the outset, we have aimed to design a project that meets the highest standards of environmental protection and remediation. A reflection of our longer-term commitment is our collaborative sponsoring of green activities to working with local communities - we are sincere in our commitment to do the right thing.

In many situations, solutions for the environment will require industry and environmental groups to work together. We are willing to listen to Idaho Rivers United and work to find common ground, or at least ensure that IRU has its facts straight. If you disagree with our approach or if you have thoughts on how we can make our proposal better, please come talk with us. In our experience, as Idahoans, we've found we can accomplish more by talking with one another than about one another. We may never agree on mining development, but we may be able to find some common ground.

Sincerely,  
MIDAS GOLD IDAHO, INC.

Laurel Sayer  
President and CEO